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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Yehdega Retta

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 August 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 46-66 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 21-46 and 67-81 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-9, 13-19, 46-55, 57-65 and 67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Pickett. U.S. Patent No. 6,012,144.

Regarding claims 1-7, 13 Pickett teaches sending transaction information, with broadcast data, to consumer from an electronic commerce...using Internet/computer network interface; receiving transaction request at the electronic commerce... sending the transaction request and consumer information via secure channel from electronic commerce to server, using Internet connection (see col. 3 line 43 to col. 8 line 56).

Regarding claims 8, 9, 54, 55, 64 and 65 Pickett teaches verifying consumer ...(see col. 6 line 59 to col. 7 line 12).

Regarding claims 14-19 Pickett teaches sending transaction information, with broadcast data, to consumer from an electronic commerce...using Internet/computer network interface; receiving transaction request at the electronic commerce... sending the transaction request and consumer information via secure channel from electronic commerce to server, using Internet connection (see col. 3 line 43 to col. 8 line 56).

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Regarding claims 46-53 and 57 Pickett teaches sending transaction information, including information about a product or service, through a broadcast communication medium, to consumer from an electronic commerce...using Internet/computer network interface; receiving transaction request at the electronic commerce... forwarding the transaction request and consumer information via secure channel from electronic commerce to server, using Internet connection (see col. 3 line 43 to col. 8 line 56).

Regarding claims 58-63 and 67 Pickett teaches sending transaction information, including information about a product or service, through a broadcast communication medium, to consumer from an electronic commerce...using Internet/computer network interface; receiving transaction request at the electronic commerce... forwarding the transaction request and consumer information via secure channel from electronic commerce to server, using Internet connection (see col. 3 line 43 to col. 8 line 56).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 10-12, 20, 56 and 66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pickett. U.S. Patent No. 6,012,144 and further in view of Randle et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,974,146.

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Regarding claim 10-12, 20, 56 and 66, Pickett does not explicitly teach verifying business and information containing at least one of name, address etc. Randle teaches a central clearinghouse representing banks verifying merchants by performing identification protocol to assure the customer and the merchants are valid. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Pickett's transaction system and Randle's "hot file" in order to assure customers and merchants are legitimate.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Payne et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,715,314 teaches network sales system.

Jalili U.S. Patent No. 6,088,683 teaches secure purchase transaction method using telephone number.

Wilf et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,899,980 teaches retail method over a wide area network.

Luneau et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,848,161 teaches providing secured commercial transactions via a networked communications system.

Apts U.S. Patent No. 5,778,173 teaches enabling secure electronic transactions on the open Internet.

Talati et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,903,878 teaches electronic commerce.

Spies et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,689,565 cryptography system and method for providing cryptographic services for a computer application.

Elgamal U.S. Patent No. 5,671,279 electronic commerce using a secure courier system.


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Tycksen, Jr. et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,898,777 teaches digital product dissemination and sale.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yehdega Retta whose telephone number is (703) 305-0436. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber can be reached on (703) 305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.


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